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## **CALL FOR PAPERS FOR A SPECIAL ISSUE**

### **eHealth: Enabling a long and healthy life for all South Africans**

The South African Department of Health (NDoH) released the country's first eHealth strategy in 2012 with the aim of supporting the strategic objectives of the NDoH in a way that is comprehensive, pragmatic and innovative. The vision and mission of this strategy is to enable a long and healthy life for all South Africans through the establishment of eHealth as an integral part of the transformation and improvement of healthcare services in South Africa [1].

eHealth is broadly defined as the use of various Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for health [2]. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of ICTs for conducting research, treating patients, educating the workforce, tracking diseases, monitoring public health, and so forth. This broad domain includes fields such as telemedicine, mHealth, consumer health informatics, electronic medical record systems, health information systems, and so forth.

For this special issue on eHealth we invite authors to submit articles that focus on the use of ICTs in the promotion, support, and advancement of healthcare in South Africa. Articles will be selected through a double blind peer review process. Please contact either of the guest editors if you would like to clarify the scope of your article before submission.

Articles must follow the SACJ formatting guidelines available at: <http://sacj.cs.uct.ac.za/index.php/sacj/about/submissions#authorGuidelines>

Final articles should be uploaded via the SACJ Journal website at <http://sacj.cs.uct.ac.za/> (follow link from home page for 'Submit Paper').

## Deadlines

**Article submissions due:** 12 January 2015.

**Review outcomes:** Communicated to authors by 28 February 2015.

**Final articles due:** 16 March 2015.

We plan to publish this eHealth special issue in June 2015.

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